

they would be challenged by the Democrats in Congress. Challenged. Not just, oh, well, you know, we are Democrats first and then Members of Congress second. That has never been the case, Mr. DELAHUNT. There has always been oversight.

President Clinton used to have fits because of what Members of Congress were saying and doing as relates to their oversight responsibilities on issues that they disagreed with him on.

So to bring balance to this government, we need this House to be Democratic-controlled.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. MEEK, the sergeant major you are referring to generally, that is the guy you will never see under the direction and control of this institution because they, "they" being our Republican colleagues on the other side of the aisle, Mr. DELAHUNT, they don't like the truth staring them in the face. Because the facts, when they are opposite the facts, the facts really lay out just what a mess we are in.

What they need to do is what they do every single day that I have been here as a Member of this body, and that is repeat what they would like to be true over and over and over again. Like you said, force our colleagues on the other side of the aisle to rubber stamp whatever it is they do.

Then when they don't automatically rubber stamp whatever it is they do, when that board lights up with the red and the green and the yes and the no, it looks like a Christmas tree, we get Christmas every other month. Whenever there is a tough vote, the arm twisters come out, the arms are wrenched behind their back and conviction gets checked at that Chamber door right there, because when you are elected to Congress as a Republican, apparently you are expected to check your opinions and your principles at the Chamber door and do whatever it is that the leadership is telling you you are going to do and you came here to do. Never mind the folks back home. Never mind going in the direction that the people of this country want to go in. Never mind that we are mired in a chaotic war in Iraq, that gas prices are astronomically high, that we are in a financial situation economically that doesn't allow us to really make the expenditures that we should because we have a deficit that is out of control, because we have a foreign debt that is more than all 42 presidents combined, as you have outlined so eloquently night after night.

Yet in 42 days, Mr. Speaker, we have an opportunity to make a difference. We have an opportunity to move this country in a new direction, to implement the New Direction Agenda, to implement the Real Security agenda, to implement an agenda that is going to once again reflect the values and principles and ideals of working families in America, and not just for the select few, and to elect some Members of Congress who will throw away that rubber stamp.

You often talk about how on November 8 we are going to come back up here and have a rubber stamp burning party. I look forward to the bonfire, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. I would just say, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, we will have the appropriate fire, with all fire codes, because we have to do away with this.

Mr. RYAN, I want to thank you for taking on the additional couple of minutes so that we can fully share with the Members. Of course, we need more time to do it, but to share with them even more about the level of frustration, not only that Americans have, but professionals that are in national security business here in this country.

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Any time I can have an opportunity to give you more chance to speak directly to the American people, I will step up and I will take that opportunity, because I think the American people need to hear what you have to say.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. They want it.

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. They want what you are giving them, Mr. MEEK.

Mr. Speaker, thank you very much, and the staff that stays here with us so late every night. Thank you, Mr. DELAHUNT, who, as we know, is several years older than the 30-Something Group. We know how tired he gets. Thank you, DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, a great leader in Congress.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of district business.

Mr. HINOJOSA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business.

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official legislative business in the district.

Mr. GIBBONS (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of business in the district.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MCCARTHY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. McDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, today and September 26, 27, 28, and 29.

Mr. BURGESS, for 5 minutes, today and September 26.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, for 5 minutes, September 26.

(The following Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 3679. An act to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House reports that on September 21, 2006, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 5684. To implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, September 26, 2006, at 9 a.m., for morning hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9566. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — User Fees for Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection Services [Docket No. 04-042-2] (RIN:0579-AB88) received September 15, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9567. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Interstate Movement of Garbage From Hawaii; Municipal Solid Waste [Docket No. 05-002-4] (RIN: 0579-AC12) received September 15, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9568. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Examining System (RIN: